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TELEGRAMS.

THE REVOLUTION.

TROOPS LEAVE MANILA

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Manila, Jan. 11, 8.45 a.m.

The first 500 troops to guard the railroad, at the request of Mr. Calhoun, the American Minister at Peking, are to leave Manila to-night on the transport Logan.

Companies A, B, C, and D of the fifteenth infantry with a machine gun, a platoon with two Maxims, a hospital corps detachment, and a wagon train, comprise the force. The expedition is commanded by Major Anasmiti.

WU TING-FANG.

Shanghai, Jan. 10.

Dr. Wu Ting-fang, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, left here with Mr. Wong Ching-wai for Nanjing yesterday to discuss some important affairs with the President.

SHUM'S ADVICE.

H.E. Shum Chun-huan, ex-Viceroy of Canton, has telegraphed to H.E. Yuan Shih-kai strongly advising him to support the formation of a Republic in China.

APPOINTMENTS.

President Sun Yat-sen has appointed Wu Han-man, formerly Governor General of Canton, as his chief private secretary; Tung Fa-lung as his assistant private secretary, and Nam Tin-wei as his chief adviser.

INVASION OF PEKING.

The combined forces at Nan-king have elected Li Yuan-hong as Commander-in-Chief of all the forces for the invasion of Peking, and Nan Pin-wei as Acting Governor General of Hupoh in place of Li Yuan-hong.

NAVAL ORGANIZATION.

Wong Hing has telegraphed for Wong Chun-ying to come to Nan-king to consider the arrangements for organizing a navy for the Republic. (Sheung Ts.)

TELEGRAMS.

THE REVOLUTION.

RUSSIAN DENIAL.

[Service to the "Telegraph"]

Bombay, Jan. 11, 7.45 a.m.

Router's correspondent at St. Petersburg says the reports that Russia has addressed demands to China regarding Mongolia and is preparing for occupation, is officially denied.

SURPRISE IN LONDON.

The denial has caused some surprise in London in view of the positive nature of the statement from Peking. — Reuter.

MONGOLIAN TROUBLE.

[Service to the "Telegraph"]

Via Durban, Jan. 10, 8.30 a.m.

A message from St. Petersburg says that a detachment of Russian troops, destined for Mongolia, is approaching the Khaba frontier, with orders to clear adjacent Mongolia of wandering Chinese, who will be transported to Manchuria.

Several hundreds of Chinese immigrants on the 8th Inst. attacked a number of Mongolian officials at Mal-mat-shan, and the latter asked the Russians to render assistance. — Reuter.

REPLY WANTED.

Via Bombay, Jan. 10, 2.10 p.m.

A message from Peking says the Russian Charge d' Affaires has informed the Chinese Government that he expects a reply to his Note of the 9th Inst. without delay. — Reuter.

DIPLOMATIC CHANGE.

AT PEKING.

[Service to the "Telegraph"]

Via Bombay, Jan. 10, 2.10 p.m.

Router's correspondent at St. Petersburg states that Mr. Krupensky, a Councillor at the Embassy of Vienna, will shortly replace M. Korostov at Peking.

TELEGRAMS.

LABOUR TROUBLES.

MINERS TO STRIKE.

[Service to the "Telegraph"]

Durban, Jan. 10, 5.25 p.m.

The gloomiest views prevail regarding the industrial situation. The result of to-day's ballot of the miners will inevitably favour a strike, on March 1.

A BELLIGERENT SPEECH.

The strike according to Mr. Robert Smillie's speech last night, will bring railways to a standstill in a fortnight, gas and electricity works in three weeks, mills and factories in a month, and bread-noughts to the value of scrap iron because they would be useless in six weeks.

It is believed that the effect will be so widespread that the strike cannot last long and the hope is entertained that it will lead to the State acquisition of mines.

DETERMINED TO FIGHT.

Meanwhile the coalowners are determined not to yield. They declare that to put another stilling on the ton would involve the handing over Britain's immense export trade to the foreigners and to throw idle British docks, railways and shipping. — Reuter.

MILITANT DISTRICTS.

Durban, Jan. 11, 12.5 a.m.

The coal situation is being generally discussed. The most militant districts are those in Wales and Scotland and that of Durham. A more moderate feeling prevails in the Midlands and Yorkshire, where the leaders are anxious to avoid a strike if possible, but they are bound by the decision of the remainder of the Federation.

A GRAVE WARNING.

Mr. J. Haslam M.P. anticipates one of the biggest struggles in record. Mr. O. Fenwick, ex-M.P. in a speech in Northumberland, gave a grave warning to the miners not to listen to mere phrases. He was afraid with the presence of the miners they were not calmly considering the result of the strike.

TELEGRAMS.

LABOUR TROUBLES.

OIL TO THE RESCUE.

The oil companies affirm that there will be sufficient oil fuel to replace coal.

SMILLIE'S RETORT.

Via Durban, Jan. 10, 10.15 a.m.

Mr. Smillie, the President of the Scottish Miners' Federation, speaking in Lanarkshire, said the Right Hon. Mr. Churchill had told him that the Government would pass a Bill to prevent a national strike. He retorted that no Government would compel miners to work, if they resolved to do the contrary.

CIVIL WAR.

Mr. J. Haslam, M.P., in view of the fact that if a strike occurred, there would be civil war in the future. The "Daily Chronicle" says it has been arranged that the German miners will strike in sympathy with the British miners.

DEFIANT OPERATIVES.

Meetings of operatives in the Lancashire cotton mills which were held yesterday were defiant in insisting that non-unionists be not employed. — Reuter.

SHIPPING COMBINES.

AGREEMENT RATIFIED.

[Service to the "Telegraph"]
Via Bombay, Jan. 10, 7.40 a.m.
It is officially stated that a sufficient number of shareholders in the Union Castle Line have ratified the terms of the agreement of the 18th December last, which ensure a completion of the amalgamation. — Reuter.

IMPORTANT EXTENSION.

Via Durban, Jan. 10, 10.15 a.m.
The "Financial News" says it is understood that important extensions in the Cape route to Australia are pending, as a result of the New Zealand Federal deal, reported on the 4th Inst. Those conversant with the situation will not be surprised if the Peninsular and Oriental Company concluded a working agreement with Sir Phillips with regard to the Cape route. — Reuter.

TELEGRAMS.

RUSSIA AND BRITAIN.

ATTACK UPON SIR E. GREY.

[Service to the "Telegraph"]

Bombay, Jan. 11, 12.25 a.m.

(Russia's action in Mongolia following the events in Persia, is the theme of editorials calling attention to the changing map of Asia.

The "Daily Chronicle," referring to the suggestion that a British expedition may occupy the Persian Gulf ports, describes the results of the Anglo-Russian Convention in regard to Persia as humiliating. The "Chronicle" laments the "new and unlovely code of ethics that an old country, bent upon reform becomes immediately a suitable victim for spoliation and robbery."

The "Daily News" says: "Never before has a British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs crusaded so consistently against the liberties of struggling peoples and elaborated so zealously in the destruction of British interests. Two things had come to pass with unmistakable clearness that Sir Edward Grey as Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs is impossible. — Reuter.

KING LEAVES INDIA.

A GREAT OVATION.

[Service to the "Telegraph"]

Bombay, Jan. 11, 7.45 a.m.

Their Majesty returned to Bombay and proceeded in State to the Medina, which sailed in the evening.

A great ovation was accorded the King and Queen Mary. — Reuter.

NAVAL BIRD-MAN.

FLIGHT OVER SEA.

[Service to the "Telegraph"]

Bombay, Jan. 11, 7.45 a.m.

An officer took an aeroplane from the deck of the battleship "Agas" at Sheerness and circled the war vessel's lights and search-lights from the crew. — Reuter.

TELEGRAMS.

GREAT FIRE.

NEW YORK BLAZE.

[Service to the "Telegraph"]

Bombay, Dec. 10, 7.40 a.m.

Reuter's New York correspondent reports an immense fire on Broadway. The building belonging to the Equitable Life of the United States was gutted.

It occupied a square in the centre of the financial district which also included the Harriman Railroads. August Belmont's office, and several safe deposit vaults which contained millions of securities.

The Government's assessment on the building for taxation purposes was \$12,000,000, which means a value of about \$36,000,000.

The building blazed like a furnace and the fire was seen twenty miles away.

The steel floors were buckled and the giant walls crumbled. The president of the Safe Deposit was rescued from the vaults in attempting to save some books. He is believed to have been fatally injured.

Several persons were killed, and five engines blocked the neighbourhood.

BANKS CLOSED.

Durban, Jan. 10, 1.45 a.m.
Business within the five zone has been suspended and includes some of the most prominent banks. These are undamaged, but lines of police prevent approach to them.

BUSINESS CONTINUES.

Stock Exchange transactions have been suspended. The Equitable Life announces that it has duplicates of all its records and its business will continue undisturbed. — Reuter.

(The above appeared in our second edition yesterday).

THREE DEAD BODIES.

Via Bombay, Jan. 10, 7.40 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at New York telegraphs that three dead bodies have been recovered. Two people are missing, and seven have been injured. Fire chief Walsh was killed while fighting the flames. The destruction of the old building does not reduce the Equitable Society's assets, as the land is worth more without the building. It is believed that the vaults containing the securities are intact.

TELEGRAMS.

POLITICAL SENSATION.

SCENE IN SENATE.

[Service to the "Telegraph"]

Via Bombay, Jan. 10, 7.40 a.m.

A message from Paris states that M. Deselves, the Foreign Minister, has resigned as the result of a disagreement with M. Caillaux during the discussion of the Franco-German agreement by the Committee of the Senate. The resignation follows newspaper allegations that while M. Monis was Premier, M. Caillaux, who was the Minister of Finance conducted irregular pourparlers with Germany on his own account unknown to M. Monis. M. Cruppi, who was then Minister for Foreign Affairs, M. Fallieres or the Ambassador at Berlin. M. Caillaux, addressing the Senate Committee, gave his word of honour that the allegations were untrue.

M. Clemenceau pressed M. Deselves to say if he was able to confirm what M. Caillaux had said. After much hesitation, M. Deselves said: "I cannot reply, for I owe a double duty to truth and the country's interests." — Reuter.

FIERY WORDS.

Via Bombay, Jan. 10, 2.10 p.m.
M. Deselves, in a letter to M. Fallieres, says he cannot any longer assume the responsibility of the foreign policy, on which unity of views and action is wanting. It is rumoured that he will be succeeded by M. Delcasse. It appears that M. Deselves' resignation was followed by a heated scene with M. Clemenceau, who retorted to M. Deselves' statement: "You will see me in the morning. You told me the contrary." Afterwards M. Clemenceau accused M. Caillaux of being concerned in secret negotiations. — Reuter.

M. DELOASSE.

Bombay, Jan. 11, 12.25 a.m.

M. Deleasse has accepted the post of Minister of Foreign Affairs.

CABINET RESIGNS.
Bombay, Jan. 11, 7.45 a.m.
The French Cabinet has resigned. It is stated in competent circles, says Reuter's Berlin correspondent, that Germany is not affected by M. Deleasse's appointment and will raise no objection on account of the events in 1905. — Reuter.

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vessel will be landed at once, at con-
signee's risk and expense.Cargo remaining on board after 2
p.m. of the 11th instant, will be landed
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PORE & PENANG are requested to
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goods from alongside, each cargo im-
peding the discharge of the Vessel will
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presented to the Undersigned on or
before the 20th inst., or they will not
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OUR
CONTEMPORARIES.

WHAT THEY THINK.

China Mail.

British Naval War Staff.
Time will be required to prove
the utility and effectiveness of the
Naval War Staff, but we think
the plan has every chance of
success, for it meets in a most
practical fashion the needs of the
present day. With the vast em-
pire which the British Navy is
called upon to protect, with all its
myriad vulnerabilities and insis-
tent demands that are changing
almost from day to day, and the
recent creation of purely Colonial
navies in Canada and Australia, it
has long been desired by advanced
naval men and thinkers that
some body should be organised
which should have the power to
arrange and co-ordinate the con-
flicting claims of the mighty
service, as well as to make ade-
quate provision for any even-
tualities which the future may
bring about. Mr. Winston
Churchill has called that body
into being, and we think that
Admiral Troubridge, so well re-
membered in the Far East where
he served as Naval Attache to
the British Embassy in Tokyo
during the Russo-Japanese war,
will not be long in thoroughly
justifying his appointment as
the first Chief of Staff and in
organizing a Naval War Staff
which will secure the hearty co-
operation of the Navy as well as
the confidence of the nation.

Daily Press.

The Hearts of the People.
The election of Dr. Sun Yat-
sen as President marked the end
of the embryo day of the Chinese
Republic; it has now the begin-
nings of a central executive, and
we may hope that the days of
chaos and anarchy are now over,
and that the government of the
provinces that are members of
the Republic will speedily be
arranged on a firm basis. What-
ever way his personal sympathies
may lead, every well-wisher of
China must recognize that the
sooner responsible govern-
ment, whether republican,
autocratic, or socialist, is
restored, the better it will be for
everyone. Again, it must be
considered that the revolution,
through the whole of the area
south of the Yangtsze, has been
practically bloodless; that in no
place that has led to the Re-
publicans has there afterwards
been any counter-movement for
a return to allegiance to the
Manchu Emperor; that through
these regions there has been,
comparatively speaking, remark-
ably little disorder and unrest
during the interregnum, arguing
great self-restraint on the part of
the people—in brief, it must be
realized that through the whole
of the South of China the revolu-
tion has had behind it the hearts
of a united people.

South China Morning Post.

Britain and China.

It is very easy to set up a pup-
pet and then knock it down; with
every assumption of disinterested
ardour. But is it wise, and is it
playing the game, in matters of
international policy? It was in
such a pastime that the "New
York Herald" indulged in its
remarkable leading article com-
menting on the alleged attitude of
Great Britain in regard to China.
It is charged that, under the guise
of mediation, help was afforded
the Republican movement. We
find it difficult to discover any
foundation for a statement of that
nature. It is rather in direct con-
tradiction of the facts. Yet it is
made the excuse for a harrowing
conjecture as to the fate of poor
China if she should lose her mo-
narchy. Then comes the inquiry,
full of pathos and other things—
"Is that what England is work-
ing for?" It would be supererog-
atory to take much trouble in
offering a denial to such a
ridiculous question.

NEWS OF THE WORLD.

(Continued from Page 4).

American Arbitration Treaties.

Washington, Dec. 13.
The opposition of the Irish Americans and German-Americans to the Anglo-American and Franco-American Arbitration Treaties reached last night in New York a sensational and unexpected climax when a mass meeting in favour of arbitration was broken up in the Carnegie Hall by an organized gang.

To Save the Country.

At an inquest at Liverpool a few weeks ago on Evan Thomas Evans (20), a bank clerk, and son of a Liverpool magistrate, who shot himself on the bank premises, a verdict of suicide while temporarily insane was returned. The Coroner read a note in which deceased said: "The sacrifice has to be made to save the country. England expects every man to do his duty. I am and always have been a friend of the worker, but not a Socialist. There is a difference. Good-bye all."

The Infanta Eulalia.

Madrid, Dec. 7.
The Infanta Eulalia has addressed to the "Imparcial" through its Paris correspondent a letter in which she declares her unaltered affection for Spain and the King and the Queen Mother. The Infanta says that she would be disposed to ask for pardon were it not that by so doing she might appear to be anxious about her Civil List. Her real sorrow is to be unable to return to Spain. It appears improbable that any severe measures will be taken against the Infanta.

Court Romance.

Vienne, Dec. 15.
Another Austrian Archduke has retired from Court life for the sake of a woman of humble birth. The Archduke Henry Ferdinand, son of the late Grand Duke of Tuscany and brother of the ex-Princess Louise of Saxony, who will be thirty-four next February, has always been noted for his artistic talent. Although a captain of Dragoons, he has shown little interest in a military career, and always had disputes with his brother officers.

Without asking for leave of absence the Archduke recently went to Munich to follow a course of studies in painting and modelling. While visiting a studio there he met a woman of inferior birth but great beauty, with whom he immediately fell in love. Family influence has been brought to bear on the Archduke, and he has promised to abandon for the present the idea of marriage. The Emperor Francis Joseph has granted him indefinite leave of absence from his regiment and permission to pursue his art studies at Munich.

French Mail Train Robbery.
The French police now believe that they have obtained a clue to the perpetrators of the audacious robbery of mail bags for India and the Far East on the express train between Lyons and Marseilles, when valuables to the value of £130,000, including a number of Durbar presents, were stolen.

A notorious anarchist of Lyons named Bonnot is the man sought for. He was seen at midnight bending over a dying man named Maudio, who was lying in the snow near Melun, and when he saw himself observed dashed off in a motor car which was standing near by. A gamekeeper who was in the vicinity had heard shots fired a few minutes before, and the police theory is that Bonnot and Maudio, after the mail bag robbery, were making off with their booty when they quarrelled over the division of the spoil and Bonnot shot his accomplice.

The automobile, which was found further on abandoned on the road, has been identified as a stolen one some time before the robbery.

Berestford's Breezy Speech.

London, Dec. 12.
Lord Charles Berestford at Leicester last night spoke of the select company of naval experts—almost all civilians—whose ignorance on naval matters was only equalled by their audacity. All the knowledge which most of them had of the Fleet was picked up at some seaside watering place—probably from the man who wound up the bathing machines.

Dealing with the new naval appointments, Lord Charles said that out of about sixteen officers

whom the First Lord of the Admiralty had passed over, putting juniors before seniors—about eleven were at good officers as we had got in the whole Service, and under these appointments the majority of them would never be able to serve their country again. They were not old officers, but men in the prime of life and with experience behind them. There was neither rhyme nor reason in these appointments. Such methods were monstrous, vicious, and fatal to the efficiency of the Service.

Mr. Churchill had started badly with this mad blunder. "I think he will want a great deal of watching. He can only make the Navy efficient by getting the War Staff I have so long recommended."

"I do not see why we cannot come to some agreement with Germany. (Loud cheers.) But we can come to no agreement with Germany unless we state openly, honestly, and fearlessly, not with any arrogance or assumption, but frankly and courteously, that we must keep command of the sea under any condition whatsoever."

RUSSIA AND MR. SHUSTER.

A Regrettable Position.

The "Times" correspondent at Töheran, wiring on December 8, said:

"Mr. Shuster, though he is ready to go on the slightest suggestion from the Mejliss, appears determined to remain in view of the decision of the Mejliss, and to wait for the bayonets." Russia will probably be forced to take over the administration and to disband the Mejliss. If she takes over the administration, she has clearly right to expel Mr. Shuster, in which case the American Government could probably offer no objection. If, however, she does not undertake responsibility for the Government of the country, the expulsion of Mr. Shuster would constitute a violation of his contract, upon which I understand the United States would look askance.

"The whole situation has elements of tragedy. Mr. Shuster has throughout expressed his opinion that Persia can only exist by having a definite understanding with Great Britain and Russia, that the initial mistake lay in drafting the Anglo-Russian Convention without reference to Persia. If a new Convention were devised to which Persia could assent, he would loyally act within it. A proposal of this kind was actually on foot some weeks ago, and commended itself to the Russian and to the British and Russian Ministers here, but the precipitate action of St. Petersburg made its fulfilment impossible. Both Legations fully recognised the advantage of having a business man to deal with, one who, while commanding the confidence of the Persians, would carry out Persia's undertakings in the spirit and in the letter. Previous experiments with financial advisers have been failures owing to Persian obstruction, and they were believed to be the instruments of foreign Powers; and diplomats here recognise that the advisers appointed under Article II. of the Russian ultimatum must suffer the same fate, unless they are actually supported by the strength of both Powers, as English officials have been supported by England in Egypt. A protectorate is, therefore, considered inevitable.

"Meanwhile, there seems no reason (except fear for his own life) why Mahomed Ali, profiting by the confusion, should not come to Töheran.

"Some uncertainty appears to exist regarding the position of Great Britain with reference to the Russian ultimatum. The first article, after demanding the dismissal of Mr. Shuster and Mr. Lecoff; requires the 'execution of Article 2 of these demands in respect of the position of the persons whom Mr. Shuster has taken into the Persian service'—meaning, presumably the remainder of the American Commission. The following is an exact translation of the demand of Article 2:—'An undertaking from the Persian Government to invite foreign subjects into the Persian service only after first obtaining the consent of Russia and England.'"

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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 1912.

THE REPUBLICAN MANIFESTO.

Dr. Sun Yat-sen's latest manifesto is interesting, if only for the loftiness of the aims which it sets forth. They are essentially Western aims, based on Western training and ideals, and translated to an Eastern atmosphere. "It will be our constant aim and firm endeavour," say the signatories to the manifesto, "to build upon a stable and enduring foundation a national structure compatible with the potentialities of our long-neglected country." But something more than potentialities have to be considered when a national structure is being reared. It is well to build with an eye for the future, but it is quite as necessary to ensure that it suits existing tastes else the people of the present may push the half built edifice over.

Democratic government is aimed at: government which shall range itself alongside that of the leading nations of the world. The Government, indeed, is to be framed on Western lines, which are excellent lines. But how will they suit China? Democratic government can never go far ahead of the aspirations of the democracy, if it is to be successful, at its best, and speaking broadly, it is little more than interpretation and articulation of groping desires and half-expressed wishes of the democracy. What are the aspirations of the Chinese people? To go a little further back even than that, is there a united Chinese people—united in aim and ideal? And, assuming that the answer to the last question can be given in the affirmative, do the Chinese people know, even dimly, what end they desire to see reached beyond the lust of Manchu domination? We are doing no more, be it understood, than pointing to dangers ahead. These questions must be faced. If the new government is satisfied that the Chinese people can accept a Western system of government which violates and uproots all Chinese tradition and mode of thought, well and good. It is sincerely to be hoped that it may be proved right, but many people entertain a fear that Western training and life in the free popular atmosphere of the West, may in some degree have warped Dr. Sun's judgment as applied to the East.

It seems to us, however, that the Republic is faced with a more immediate difficulty than whether the structure to be reared will meet with popular approval. Where is the money with which to carry on the work? To restore order and set up an effective administration will take a deal of money and a foreign loan to the Republic is out of the question until it is finally and securely established. Even then, did not the Chinese reproach the Manchus very bitterly with raising foreign loans? Will a vice in Manchu rulers become a virtue in the new government? These are not carping questions, but problems which must be faced if the Republican government is to justify its existence and to realise, even in part, the high purposes set forth in the manifesto. The picture of the ultimate harvest is prettily conceived, but much hoeing is to be done before it is realised. And it is much easier to promise a fair harvest than it is to get down to practical use of the hoe.

DAY-BY-DAY.

It is at times more embarrassing to have friends than enemies.

To-day's Paper. Some further particulars in regard to the great fire in New York and some interesting views in regard to Great Britain's foreign policy are included in the telegrams on page 1. On page 3 news from the world over is given. Notes on Home sport appear on page 5 and page 8.

The dead body of a female child, aged 3 years, was found in Jervis Street yesterday. Death was apparently due to small-pox.

Whilst being arrested yesterday for gambling a man named Ah Sing, aged 50 years, died in the Street. The probable cause of death is apoplexy.

For being in unlawful possession of various quantities of rice Li Wim-ten, Chan Kan and Lum Choun were sentenced to fourteen days' imprisonment respectively, at the Magistracy this morning.

One Tong Kwong pleaded guilty at the Magistracy this morning, to a charge of being in unlawful possession of five and a half cabbages of a drug called Pat Kok, and was sent to prison for one month with hard labour.

Electricity as an agency to destroy the codling moth is the latest innovation of modern apple-orcharding in the Spokane valley, where the inventor of the device, and a practical grower of Spokane, recently made a demonstration.

Yesterday afternoon, a young man named Wu Yek, aged 22, was engaged as a plasterer on a building in Des Vaux Road, and whilst working on a plank, was thrown to the ground and killed in consequence of the plank breaking.

A district watchman endeavoured to arrest a man yesterday, at West Point, who had in his possession a dead pig. Others came to the rescue and the man was freed. No arrests have been made. The watchman was not injured.

We have to thank Messrs. W. G. Humphreys & Co., for an attractive wall calendar illustrating the Port of Liverpool and an office diary for 1912, both issued by the State Assurance Co., Ltd., of Liverpool for which Messrs. W. G. Humphreys & Co. are agents.

Mrs. Samet of the Hongkong Hotel, missed her gold watch and chain yesterday and later in the afternoon Wong Pui, one of the coolies employed at the hotel, tried to pawn similar articles. The pawnbroker, however, became suspicious, sent for the police, and the coolie was taken into custody. At the Magistracy this morning the original charge of stealing was amended to that of being in unlawful possession, and the man was fined \$25.

Alleged Burglary. At the Magistracy this morning, Cheung Kan was charged with feloniously and burglariously breaking and entering the dwelling house 16, Stone Nullah Street, and stealing one box, thirty pieces of clothing, six towels, one metal smoking pipe, one jade stone ring, four tools of ginseng, valued at \$100, and \$90 in money, on the 10th inst. In answer to the charge the prisoner said that he saw the bundle of stuff near the mortuary, picked it up to have a look what it contained and whilst examining it a Chinese constable came up and arrested him. He denied stealing the articles. A remand until to-morrow was granted.

Hongkong Electric Company. The new cable which the Hongkong Electric Company recently laid across Queen's Road and along Battery Path has been put down for the purpose of duplicating the main supplying the central district which has now been down for six years.

In connection with the scheme of carrying power to the Peak the Company have acquired the lease of a house on the Peak from which all minor repairs to lighting fixtures in that locality can be repaired. The house will also be used as a residence and a sanatorium.

An old woman of West End has been robbed of \$100 by means of the banknote confidence trick.

The body of a man aged 65 years, who had apparently died from natural causes, has been found in Beach Street, Kennedy Town.

Forthcoming Medical Congress.

Invitations have been issued by His Excellency the Governor Sir Frederick Lugard and Lady Lugard for a garden party to be held on the grounds of Government House on Saturday, January 20, from 4 to 6 p.m., to meet the delegates and visitors to the Medical Congress.

The Equitable Fire.

Messrs. Shawan, Tomes & Co., General Managers in Hongkong for the Equitable Life Assurance Co. of the U.S.A. have received a telegram from Mr. J. T. Hamilton, General Manager for the Far East, confirming the report of the fire but adding that all important documents have been saved. The telegram continues:—Business is only temporarily inconvenienced. New offices have been opened at No. 105, Broadway. The interests of policy holders have not been affected.

To-Night's Concert.

A veritable treat is assured to those seeking light entertainment at the City Hall to-night. The feature of the entertainment is to be a "Grand Harlequinade," as played at Drury Lane in 1870, which has been arranged for the second half of the programme. The first portion will consist of the following items:—Selection, "Des Cloches," Orchestra; "The Toy Shop," Mr. and Mrs. Worcester, Mr. Donne and Toya; "The Musical Minstrel," Jimbo; "The Gymnastic Wonder," The Knockabouts; "The Russian Dance," The Semiroff Family; "The Florodora Sextette," The "Yola."

The Bijou Theatre.

Mt. R. H. Stephenson of the Bijou Theatre has succeeded in obtaining an excellent series of pictures, and judging from the audiences this week this idea is pretty general. The pictures are well selected, well shown, and steadiness is the chief characteristic. Apart from the pictures the popular Miss Eileen Murray is appearing. She is a proved student of audiences, she knows what to sing, how a song should be worked and, whether it be in light or shade, she has the knack of bringing the best out of a song. She can dance too, and last night had the pleasure of being recalled five times by a fine audience. The show is well worth visiting.

St. Andrew's Church.

The annual general meeting of the members and subscribers of the St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, will be held in the Church Vestry on Tuesday, January 23, at 6 p.m. All members of the congregation are invited to attend. The following alterations in the Deed of Trust will be proposed:—1. That in the paragraph relating to the Church vestry the word "Seven" be altered to "Nine." 2. That in all paragraphs relating to the constitution of the vestry and general meetings the words "Subscribers" and "Subscribers of not less than \$10" be removed and the words "Members of the Congregation" be substituted.

Week of Prayer.

The meetings held on the basis of the programme of the Evangelical Alliance have attracted fair attendances. On Monday night, despite the inclement weather, a good number of people were present at the address delivered by the Rev. C. Bone at the Union Church Hall on "Thanksgiving and Humiliation." On Tuesday night, the Bishop of Victoria spoke at St. Paul's College and last night, Col. C. W. E. St. John delivered an appropriate address at the Wesleyan Church and again for attendance were the characteristic features of the meetings. The last three meetings will be held to-night, to-morrow night and on Saturday at St. Andrew's Church, Room, Berlin Mission Church, and St. Stephen's College respectively, when the speakers will be the Rev. I. Gossair, Mr. A. H. Harris and the Rev. H. O. Spink. Each meeting will begin at 5.30.

REMOVAL OF OPIUM.

A Charge Dismissed.

The master of the s.s. Hoi Ching refused to accept a quantity of opium from two brokers named Chan Wai-kat, of Connaught Road, and Wan Chiek of Queen's Road, despite the fact that they had a permit to bring the drug from Mr. T. K. Tarr to the ship. His reason for doing so was on account of no memorandum having been received by him from the Exports and Imports Office authorising him to accept the same as cargo.

The outcome of this was the appearance of the brokers at the Magistracy this morning charged with removing the opium during prohibited hours on the 27th ult., the hearing of the case being adjourned until to-day.

Mr. Golding defended and made out a successful case for the defence on the grounds that some official oversight had caused a misunderstanding. For five years it had appeared the regulation memorandum had not been served to masters of ships from the Exports and Imports Office. The permit for removal of the opium was in order and the men felt that no question of illegality would arise.

The bench intimated satisfaction with the explanation and the case was dismissed.

PURSE SNATCHING.

Two Darling Boys.

A remarkable story of the daring of two boys named Lam Wing and Wong Hung, aged 13 and 11, was told at the Magistracy this morning when they were charged with stealing a purse containing \$2.60 from the person of a little boy named Li Shun-teang, the son of a Chinese Police Sergeant, whilst he was about to purchase some oranges in Kau U Fong, near the new theatre, on Wednesday morning.

According to the evidence Wong Hung garrotted Tsang and held him up until the boy Wing extracted the purse from his pocket. Immediately the purse was obtained both defendants ran away, but were closely followed by prosecutor until they reached the Clock Tower in Queen's Road where they parted company, one going eastwards and the other westwards. He was not successful in catching either at the time, but set out later in the day determined to catch them. He succeeded in catching defendant number one whilst another boy he knew caught the other.

The bench ordered the boy Wing to receive twelve strokes of the birch and forty-eight hours' detention, and the boy Hung, to six strokes of the birch and detention for a similar period.

The transfer of the Magistracy to the old Law Courts, while the police buildings undergo renovation, is to take place in the near future.

Lieut. A. G. White, one Indian officer and 22 rank and file, 120th Bruchistan Infantry, proceeded to Canton on Tuesday.

We are informed by the Manager of the Telephone Company that owing to the break-down of a power cable at the Exchange this morning, the telephone service was partially dislocated and calls were made under great difficulty.

A lecture will be given to the members of the United Service Institution of Hongkong, on Thursday, January 18, at 5.30 p.m., in the Volunteer Drill Hall, Garden Road, by Captain J. de L. Simonds, A.D.C. The subject will be "The Tai Ping Rebellion."

Shen Yui-ling, the Chinese Minister at Vienna, says a correspondent in that city, has been the topic of conversation in the Austrian capital, the "Neue Freie Presse," having published the news that the Minister had cut off his queue and assumed conventional diplomatic uniform. The journal published a leading article on the subject. In answer to enquiries at the Embassy it was stated that the Minister's plait was removed several weeks ago.

OBITUARY.

Mr. C. T. Hose.

We regret to announce the death at the age of 31 of Mr. Charles Thomas Hose, son of Bishop Hose, late of Singapore, which occurred to-day at the Government Civil Hospital. The deceased gentleman had been ailing for some time, and on Dec. 31 an operation had to be performed for abscess on the liver. He was recovering from this when pneumonia supervened and this was responsible for his death.

Mr. Hose was an assistant electrician in the employ of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co., and had been in the service for 13 years, the last two of which were spent in Hongkong. He was an enthusiastic cricketer and tennis player and was often seen in the auxiliary choir of St. John's Cathedral. His quiet manner and true sporting qualities made him a general favourite, and his loss will be mourned by the many friends he made here. The flag of the H.K.C.C. was flown at half-mast to-day. The funeral will take place at the Happy Valley this afternoon, the cortege passing the Monument at 5 o'clock.

ANOTHER ROBBERY.

Wong Hung was charged at the Magistracy to-day with the theft of a handbag containing \$48 and two bottles of scent valued at \$2, the property of Tsui Ng, caretaker of Government House, Macao. The prosecutor was making purchases at the time in a clothing establishment in Queen's Road.

Prisoner was found guilty and sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

MAGISTRATE AND POLICE.

A Severe Censure.

"I do not think there is sufficient evidence to convict. The case has been brought before me in an entirely unsatisfactory manner." Such were the remarks passed by Mr. Irving, at the Magistracy this morning, when dismissing Li Wai-chun, who was charged with being in unlawful possession of arms. This case was an adjourned one and was reported fully some few days ago. Mr. Lewis who defended, said that it was quite clear there was no evidence of actual possession, even the coolie who was carrying the basket containing the cartridges had not been brought forward. The way the case had been stated was surely irregular; there was not a scintilla of evidence of possession and he doubted if the man had been charged properly.

NEWS OF THE WORLD.

(From Various Sources.)

English Airman in Paris.

Paris, Dec. 14. For the first time in history an Englishman has flown over Paris. Mr. James Valentini in a Bristol double-seater monoplane left Issy to-day and flew round the Eiffel Tower. He crossed the Seine, passing over the Place de la Concorde, and went over the Rue de Rivoli to Notre Dame, which he encircled. He continued his flight to Vincennes, and keeping at a good height, flew back to Issy, where he landed safely.

Persian Boycott of Indians.

Teheran, Dec. 14. A circular has been issued by Seyed Ibrahim at Shiraz, one of the most important commercial centres of Southern Persia, prohibiting all good Moslems from dealing with the Indian troops. Seyed Ibrahim is chief of the Shiraz Mujaheds, theologians who give authoritative decisions in religious matters and who require absolute obedience. Priests are actively engaged in preventing merchants from supplying the troops, and the question of provisions is becoming very serious.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Britain and China.

By virtue of its exclusive service of telegrams, the "South China Morning Post" is enabled from time to time to give its readers news that would otherwise be unavailable. An instance is the recent extremely interesting telegram setting out the views of the "New York Herald" in regard to Great Britain's attitude in connection with the revolution in China. The charge is formulated upon grounds that are not disclosed, that Great Britain has assisted the revolutionaries, and it is suggested that the object that was in view was to bring about the partition of China. The "South China Morning Post" considering this charge editorially, very aptly compares the action of the "New York Herald" to that of one who laboriously erects a bogey in order to demand the attention of the world as he knocks it down. But it is worth while to try to ascertain upon what facts or suppositions the "New York Herald" was working. It is to be noted that Great Britain's association with Russia in Persia has occasioned grave doubts in the minds of critics in England, and it is not an unfair assumption that just as Russia has forced Britain, perhaps unwillingly, to acquiesce in certain action in Persia, that she has also employed the Anglo-Russian rapprochement to cloak her intentions in regard to Mongolia. Put it in another way, Russia and England are friendly. Russia is accredited with predatory designs. Recent action in Persia, which supports the suspicion has been acquiesced in by Great Britain. On these premises the "New York Herald" may have based its charges. And, if it seems to be unduly suspicious of British foreign policy, it may be pointed out that the suspicion is shared by two London newspaper organs, which support the present British Government.

Soldiers and Boxing.

Touching a recent note in this column on the folly of recent legislation as affecting boxing, it is worth noting that the Secretary of the Army Council, Mr. R. H. Brade, has sent the following letter to a correspondent who asked whether it was proposed to issue an order prohibiting men, as was stated to be the case in the Navy, from taking part in boxing contests for money prizes:—"I am commanded by the Army Council to inform you that they understand that no such orders as those to which you refer in your letter of the 6th ult. have been issued by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty in the matter of boxing contests. I am to add that the Council have not in contemplation the promulgation of any instructions of this character to the Army." There are still some sensible people in the old country after all.

The Celtic Temperament.

Mr. Lloyd George has made a speech, dealing with the poverty and the wretchedness in Britain to-day, in which, he says, his aim is to create such an atmosphere as will compel whatever party is in power to deal with the great social evils existing to-day. That is a proper aim, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer is intensely in earnest about it. Few people deny that he means really well. But the Celtic temperament is the worst a man driven by such an aim can possess. It forces him to say irritating things which set men's teeth on edge. One phrase in his recent speech—"these cockatoo phrases of unthinking people with limited brains"—is, clever, and it pleases a sympathetic audience. But it serves no good purpose and actually does harm in respect that it annoys many people who are as much in earnest as he is, but who go differently to work. The amelioration of poverty and misery is a big job and a slow job which requires a big man and a strong man prepared to go slowly. It is too heavy a task for a man, however earnest, whose mercurial temperament makes him impatient of moderate progress and whose impetuosity in turn leads him into using irritating phrases.

TELEGRAMS

A SHANGHAI SENSATION.

REVOLUTIONARY AND SIKH.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Jan. 11, 4.5 p.m.

A Sikh policeman shipped a Revolutionary officer who was carrying a sword in the Settlement and attempted to arrest him. The officer lunged at the Sikh and the sword penetrated his clothes. He was only saved from death by a foreigner intervening.

FIRMS AMALGAMATE.

SINGAPORE COMBINE.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, Jan. 11, 12.50 p.m.

The firms of Howarth Baskin, Ltd., engineers and general contractors, and Riley, Hargreaves & Co., Ltd., engineers, ship-builders and general contractors, are amalgamating.

The joint firm is acquiring the property of both firms, including Messrs. Howarth Baskin's assets in China and Burma.

The shares of the new company are placed at \$10 each.

THE KHEDIVÉ.

VISIT TO SOULUM.

(Service to the "Telegraph.")

Via Bombay, Jan. 10, 7.40 a.m.

Reuter's Cairo correspondent says that the Khedive has visited Soum, and found the Bedouins happy and contented. The crops are good.

H.M. cruiser Suffolk arrived at Soum yesterday.—Reuter.

SUPREME COURT.

A Claim for Freight.

The case was continued before Mr. Justice Compertz, Puisne Judge, at the Supreme Court today in which Messrs. Melchers & Co., Agents for the Norddeutscher Lloyd, sued the China Borneo Co., Ltd., to recover the sum of \$3,003.73 in respect of freight carried from Sandakan to Hongkong per s.s. Borneo on or about March 4 and May 8, 1911.

The action arose out of an alleged irregularity in the matter of receipting a bill, the plaintiffs alleging that the sum claimed had not been paid and that no receipt for the sum had been given on their printed receipt forms.

Mr. M. W. Slade, K.C., instructed by Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon, appeared for the plaintiffs and Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., instructed by Messrs. Bruton and Holt, was for the defendant.

Mr. Kennet was recalled to the box for the purpose of allowing certain documents to be proved and put in, for the purpose of showing that it was not an invariable custom of the plaintiffs to give a separate receipt when bills due to them had been paid.

Mr. Slade objected on the ground that the documents had not been put to his witness and that if they were put in it would necessitate his asking for an adjournment so that the particular instances in which separate receipts had not been given might be traced.

Mr. Pollock thought he would not take very long. He would be as short as he could.

Mr. Slade:—My friend is trying to drive in a nail with short quick strokes.

His Lordship:—And you think it will take a long time to get it out?

Mr. Slade:—No. It will take a long time to put armour plating underneath to prevent it from penetrating. (Laughter.)

Cross-examined by Mr. Slade, Mr. Kennet said that he did not notice that the two bills in dispute, which had been paid by cheque, had not been properly receipted till his attention was called to the fact by the plaintiff firm's assistant comptroller.

The case was proceeding as we went to press.

THE LAW COURTS.

Impressions of the Interior.

It is possible that if anyone were to say that there were some good points in the construction of the Law Courts the query might possibly be drawn from some of the fiercer critics, "Can any good come out of Samaria?" In the case of the squat little building in Statue Square a little good does come out of Samaria, though the items are few and far between.

Taking the outer aspect of the building, it is at once apparent that the only factor which robs it of the majesty, inseparable from law, is the immensity of the surrounding structures by comparison. That, perhaps, is not a grievous fault when it is considered that the surroundings of the site may have been little appreciated by the designer, but if the interior, which is not affected by extraneous conditions, also loses its magnificence when something is radically wrong with the general scheme. It may be an invidious comparison to mention the new Old Bailey in the same breath as the Hongkong Law Courts, for the former was built from a purse much deeper and much better lined, than that of the latter. Nevertheless, shorn of the wealth of many coloured marbles, and beautiful frescoes and painted spandrels, the general design of the building is in keeping with the majesty of the law that is administered within its portals.

One of the first things that a visitor to the Law Courts misses, is an entrance hall or a hall in which each court opens, and where witnesses may wait their call. Here access is made by a passage, though more accommodation is afforded in court than in the case in the Bailey. One thinks that each of the courts might with advantage be made smaller so that the public might be given one central point of access as are the prisoners below stairs. Lofty and airy they most certainly are and the acoustics are undeniably good, but it is extremely doubtful whether the small fans provided along the walls will really be sufficient in hot weather. The woodwork in the courts is and will be a constant source of admiration, and is a lasting tribute to the Chinese wood carvers. The library also is excellently fitted up with glazed shelves and handsome tables with fine looking high back chairs. In fact, but for the unfortunate misuse of space the interior of the courts might have done much to counteract the harsh judgments passed on the exterior.

HUGE SMUGGLING CONSPIRACY.

Opium found on British Steamer.

Joaquin Lorenzo Uy Yjo, involved with Fred C. Bruhez, alias Brooks, in one of the biggest opium smuggling plots ever uncovered in Manila was recently sentenced to six months imprisonment and fined P.200 by Judge Crossfield. Bruhez has never been arrested and is a fugitive from justice. Secret service detectives from the custom house have been on his trail since the filing of charges a week ago, but Bruhez is thought to have either fled the country or be in hiding.

Bruhez' scheme was nipped in the bud by Mr. Ray of the custom house secret service when it was assumed the proportions of the most gigantic smuggling conspiracy. Sixty thousand pesos worth of the drug was brought into Manila on the Taming, it being tacitly understood that Inspector Armstrong of the custom house was to let it in for P5,000. Ray was notified by Armstrong, and the opium was found hidden among Bruhez' personal effects and several pieces of furniture.

That some one higher up was involved in the importation and that Bruhez and Lorenzo were but acting as agents for some named power with the deal in hand was shown by the mention in the trial of certain "capitales." Who these men are the custom house secret service has been trying to learn without much success.



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SPORT.

Home Football.

[From a Correspondent.]

London, Dec. 18.

There were two startling results in Saturday's games. The magnitude of Newcastle's victory over Aston Villa was surprising, more especially since the home side were without Higgins during the greater part of the game. In the Southern League Nottamptons' defeat of Swindon by 4-0 surprised people. Swindon do not usually give away four goals in one match.

Newcastle are now pretty securely set at the head of the League table. Their score on Saturday was the biggest they have registered this season, and it is also the heaviest defeat sustained by the Villa, who, it will be remembered, themselves put on five goals against Liverpool only a week ago. Additional merit attaches to the United's victory by reason of the fact that they played for the greater part of the game with only ten men, Higgins, who scored the first goal, having been injured in a collision with the Villa goalkeeper, and having to retire. It was a black day for Higgins, for he received a telegram asking him to go with all haste to Kilmarnock, his father, "Sandy" Higgins, himself a great centre forward in the day, had met with a serious accident in a mine at Kilmarnock. The sympathy of all football followers will be extended to the unfortunate father and son.

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We have received from the Belgian Consul a report by the Chamber of Commerce at Ghent, dealing with the construction of the eighteen mile Canal from Ghent to Torneuzen. The Canal was originally commenced in 1825-1827, but has been impracticable from time to time till it is now looked upon as one of the most important artificial waterways in the world. The depth of the Canal is 28.6 feet and from the useful plans, which are also supplied, it is apparent that every facility for dealing with large amounts of shipping is provided.

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Tuesday, Jan. 16.

Sanitary Board.

Wednesday, Jan. 17.

Auction of Books and Manuscripts on the Spot, by Messrs. Hughes & Hough, 5 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 18.

Criminal Sessions.

Friday, Jan. 19.

Sanitary Board Elections.

Lectures at City Hall by Pastor Russell.

Saturday, Jan. 20.

Medical Congress Opened.

Thursday, Jan. 25.

Eleventh Ordinary Meeting of The Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd., 11.30 a.m.

Twenty-fourth Ordinary Meeting of The West Point Building Co., Ltd., 11.45 a.m.

Twenty-fourth Ordinary Meeting of The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., Noon.

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Hongkong 11th Jan. 1912 [91]

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NOTICE is hereby given that the ELEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, on THURSDAY, the 25th January, 1912, at 11.30 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1911.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 20th January, to THURSDAY, 25th January, 1912 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, MOWBRAY'S NORTHCOOTE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th Jan. 1912. [90]

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 15th January, to THURSDAY, the 25th January, 1912 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

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Hongkong, 9th Jan. 1912. [91]

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VICTORIA, B.O., & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, Kobe, Yokohama, Choshi, & Yokohama	AWA MARU, Capt. T. Iizawa, T. 7,000 SADO MARU, Capt. J. Richards, T. 7,000	TUESDAY, 30th Jan., at Noon. TUESDAY, 15th Feb., at Noon.
VICTORIA, B.O., & SEATTLE	SANUKI MARU, Capt. —, T. 7,000	SATURDAY, 27th Jan., from KOBE
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Kobe & YOKOHAMA	KAMO MA U, Capt. F. L. Sommer, T. 9,000	THURSDAY, 18th Jan., at 11 A.M.
NASKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sekino, T. 5,000	WEDNESDAY, 17th Jan., at Noon.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO	COLOMBO MARU, Capt. Taramia, T. 6,000	SATURDAY, 13th Jan.
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	HAJIKATA MARU, Capt. H. Nomura, T. 6,000	WEDNESDAY, 17th Jan.
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The contract provides for the extension for two years from April 7 last of the agreement of Oct. 12, 1908, between the two parties, subject to certain small modifications, including the insertion, at the instance of the Canadian Government, of a new clause providing for the free transportation of Canadian Trade Commissioners. This clause states that the Company shall, free of charge and without further payment than the subsidy, when and so often as they or the masters of the mail ships shall be required in writing so to do by the Minister of Trade and Commerce for Canada, or by any officers or agents acting under his authority, receive, provide for, victual, and convey as chief cabin or first-class cabin passengers to or from and between any of the ports or places to which any of the mailships are to proceed in the performance of the agreement, any Canadian Trade Commissioners travelling upon their official duties, or being transferred from one official post to another with or without their wives and children, and with free transportation of their household effects. It is stipulated that these passengers, with their families, shall be treated in no respect, whether as regards food, cabin, or other accommodation, or aught else, in a way inferior to that of ordinary passengers of the same class.

The yearly subsidy is fixed after the rate of £15,000. The agreement will continue until April 6, 1913. The Company will convey or cause to be conveyed, once in every three weeks during the summer season, and once in every four weeks during the winter season, in each direction, all mails which will be required to be conveyed between Liverpool and Hongkong, and the several ports and places en route.

"The father of my client is a marine door stealer," said a solicitor at Old-street Police Court, London, the other day.

The Foreign Affairs Department of the Revolutionary Government at Shanghai has issued new rules regarding the searching of ships and houses, the seizure of contraband and procedure in connection with the Mixed Court.

At Christie's on December 7 was concluded the sale of the late Mr. J. E. Nightingale's collection of porcelain. Mr. Amor gave £190 10s. for a fluted bottle, Ming, a hexagonal teapot and cover, Kang Ho, fetched £130 10s. (Dickinson), another teapot and cover, nearly similar, £105 (F. Partridge), a pair of octagonal plates, Kien Lung, £88 4s. (De Pina), a set of three hexagonal vases and stands, Kien Lung, £84 (Wills and Simmons), a pair of deep cups and saucers, Kang Ho, £73 10s. (Amor), and a pair of deep cups, Kien Lung, £46 2s. (Amor).

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